

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of network acquisition for a cellular radio communications device arranged for operation in accordance with a plurality of radio technologies and comprising searching to identify a suitable cell on one radio technology and, subsequent to identifying a suitable cell on the said one radio technology, comprising the steps of also monitoring cells on another of the plurality of radio technologies in order to identify if one of the said monitored cells is more suitable than the cell identified on the said one radio technology, and subsequent to said monitoring, selecting and camping for the first time on the cell identified from all of the radio technologies searched as the most suitable.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the step of monitoring the cells on the said another RAT comprises monitoring neighbouring cells on all of the plurality of RATs.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the step of monitoring cells on the said another RAT includes the step of obtaining BA list on the said identified cell but for all of the plurality of other RATs read.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the suitability of the cells is determined on the basis of the strength of a signal received therefrom.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the step of identifying a suitable cell includes determining a derivative of the strength of a signal received therefrom.

6. (Original) A cellular radio communications device arranged for operation in accordance with a plurality of radio technologies and including means for searching to identify a suitable cell on one radio technology and means for monitoring cells on another of the plurality of radio technologies, subsequent to the identification of a suitable cell on the said one radio technology, so as to identify if one of the said monitored cells might prove more suitable than the said identified cell, and further including means for, subsequent to the said monitoring, selecting and camping on the cell identified as the most suitable.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus as claimed in Claim 6 and arranged to operate in accordance with the method steps of any one or more of Claims 2-5~~ A cellular radio communications device arranged for operation in accordance with a plurality of radio technologies and including means for searching to identify a suitable cell on one radio technology and means for monitoring cells on another of the plurality of radio technologies, subsequent to the identification of a suitable cell on the said one radio technology, so as to identify if one of the said monitored cells might prove more suitable than the said identified cell, and further including means for, subsequent to the said monitoring, selecting and camping on the cell identified as the most suitable and arranged to operate in accordance with the method of claim 2.

8. (Original) A method of network acquisition substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to, and as illustrated in, Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawings.

9. (Original) A cellular radio communications device substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to, and as illustrated, Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawings.

10. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the step of monitoring cells on the said another RAT includes the step of obtaining BA list on the said identified cell but for all of the plurality of other RATs read.

11. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the suitability of the cells is determined on the basis of the strength of a signal received therefrom.

12. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the suitability of the cells is determined on the basis of the strength of a signal received therefrom.

13. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the step of identifying a suitable cell includes determining a derivative of the strength of a signal received therefrom.

14. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the step of identifying a suitable cell includes determining a derivative of the strength of a signal received therefrom.

15. (New) A cellular radio communications device arranged for operation in accordance with a plurality of radio technologies and including means for searching to identify a suitable cell on one radio technology and means for monitoring cells on another of the plurality of radio technologies, subsequent to the identification of a suitable cell on the said one radio technology,

so as to identify if one of the said monitored cells might prove more suitable than the said identified cell, and further including means for, subsequent to the said monitoring, selecting and camping on the cell identified as the most suitable and arranged to operate in accordance with the method of claim 3.

16. (New) A cellular radio communications device arranged for operation in accordance with a plurality of radio technologies and including means for searching to identify a suitable cell on one radio technology and means for monitoring cells on another of the plurality of radio technologies, subsequent to the identification of a suitable cell on the said one radio technology, so as to identify if one of the said monitored cells might prove more suitable than the said identified cell, and further including means for, subsequent to the said monitoring, selecting and camping on the cell identified as the most suitable and arranged to operate in accordance with the method of claim 4.

17. (New) A cellular radio communications device arranged for operation in accordance with a plurality of radio technologies and including means for searching to identify a suitable cell on one radio technology and means for monitoring cells on another of the plurality of radio technologies, subsequent to the identification of a suitable cell on the said one radio technology, so as to identify if one of the said monitored cells might prove more suitable than the said identified cell, and further including means for, subsequent to the said monitoring, selecting and camping on the cell identified as the most suitable and arranged to operate in accordance with the method of claim 5.